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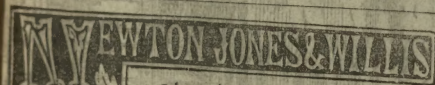
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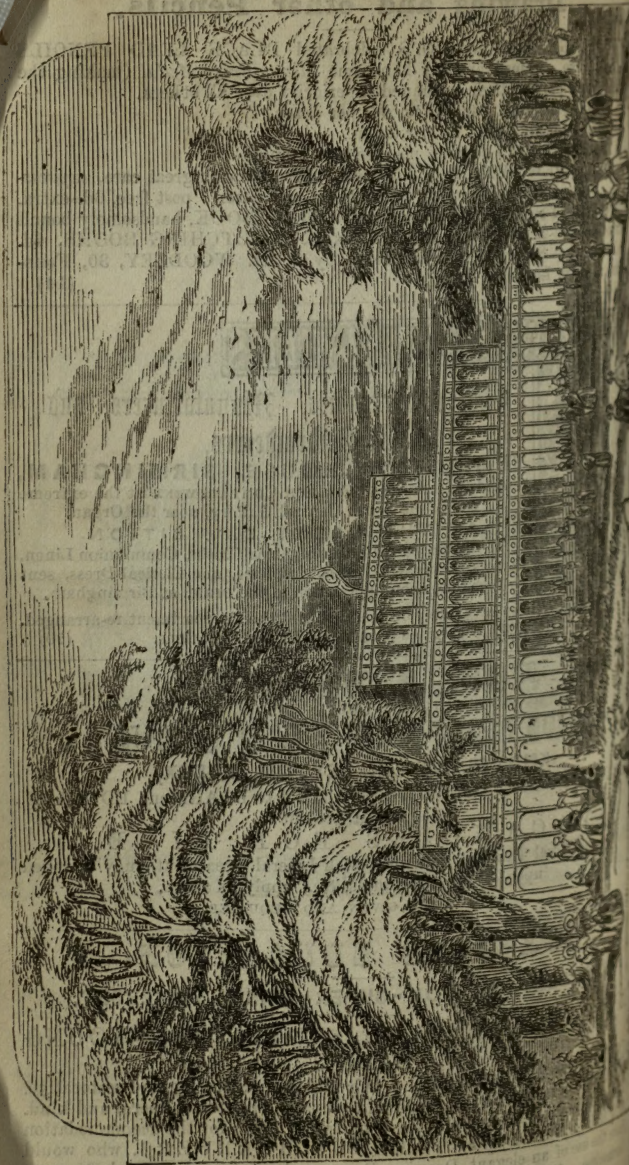
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INTRODUCTION.

To the noble Prince, the Consort of the beloved Queen of these realms—the patron of art, science, and literature—the lover of nature and of his fellow man—the encourager of liberal views and philanthropic objects, the world is indebted for the practical realization of the Industrial Exhibition of all Nations in Hyde Park. As gratifying to the heart as instructive to the mind of man, that exhibition of the world's natural and artificial productions will mark the age of its inauguration as one of the most important epochs in human history, and still more, one of the most promising periods of an advancing civilization. To assemble from every civilized nation of the world, the inventive genius and artistic and manufacturing skill in a peaceful and intelligent competition, was an idea worthy of the age of peace congresses and rational reforms, and one which seemed fitted for opening up still nobler views of the relation of men to each other, and which seemed pregnant with broader advances for industry, intelligence, and human brotherhood. It was an idea which recognised none of the boundaries of nations, none of the land-marks or sea-marks which warlike ages had erected as barriers between hostile tribes; it saw no division of men into creeds, and castes, and colours, but regarded them as the children of one common Father, the brethren of one common family, and of whatever hue or tongue, as being alike entitled to a fair competition in the arts of peace, and in those applications of industry and skill to the natural productions of the globe, which contribute to the physical comfort, moral happiness, and social stability of the whole human race: it was an idea which set at nought the old Roman dogma of patriotism, and embraced the whole world in its benevolent arms, setting its seal for ever on exclusiveness, and making LABOUR the President of the nations, and the LABOURER the Prime Minister of earth. It is not alone, therefore, that the GREAT EXHIBITION is a subject of extraordinary popular interest, that it has been chosen as the first in the series of the *British Advertiser*; but that in addition to the great demand for authentic information of its history, aims, and characteristics, it is also a most cheering manifestation of the peaceful progression of man, and one of the greatest endeavours of modern times to promote the prosperity and permanent happiness of the peoples, and to realize an age of amity and Christian love.

ORIGIN.

In setting forth the origin and history of the Great Exhibition, it will be necessary for us to be both concise and explicit; and in order that the present work may fulfil the purposes of a work of reference with fidelity and perspicuity, we shall review the facts in as strictly a chronological order as their nature will permit us to arrange them. We have only to glance at the history of science for the past one hundred years, to gain many glimpses and foreshadowings of its present condition; and side by side with its advances, and the efforts of its immediate friends to diffuse its principles and enlarge its sphere of operations, we may see many indications of the necessity for the great assemblage of its productions which adorns this age and nation in Hyde Park. By Watt, also, the steam-engine was organized into a machine of boundless power, infinite in its application, capable of the most delicate manipulations, the prime mover of manufacturing operations. John Harrison received the reward offered by the nation for the best chronometer, which the genius of others has made common. Pottery, to the close of the 17th century, produced nothing but coarse wares; in 1763 Josiah Wedgwood originated the Staffordshire ware, which was carried, by his knowledge, skill, and perseverance, to a degree of excellence which in several points, has never been surpassed, and in some has never been equalled. The rise and progress of cotton manufacture is, perhaps, the most extraordinary page in the annals of human industry; it was advanced by men in the humblest condition, to a system exhibiting the utmost degree of intellectual contrivance. From 1750, when the fly shuttle was invented, to 1787, when Watt brought the power of steam into operation, every year had been marked by improvement; and there are few names more honourable in the history of invention than those of James Hargreaves, Richard Arkwright, Samuel Compton, and Dr. Carpenter. In 1835, the number of self-acting looms were 109,626, whilst the entire manufacture gave occupation to 1,300,000 persons. In the moral government of the world, interests which appear selfish are made conducive to good ends. No man is permitted to prosper for himself alone. The genius which exalts or gives eternal fame to one, becomes the source of happiness to thousands. Let it be remembered, that no man can advance art, science, or literature, without at the same time promoting the social and the moral good of the entire human race. For art, science, and manufactures are as the winged messengers of heaven, which bear unto all nations—the least blessed and

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What had been begun by the Marquis, was soon followed up at the general desire of the nation, and at the end of the year 1797, on the return of Napoleon from the successful termination of the Italian wars, peace and its arts were universally demanded on the part of the nation; and as he was to triumph in this department as he had shown himself to be in its opposite, the great general at once determined that Industry should have its ovation, as War had already achieved its triumph. On the same spot in the Champ de Mars

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which the *army* had celebrated the inauguration of the noble collection of Italian spoils, and but six weeks after that *fête*, the *nation* erected the "Temple of Industry," and exhibited specimens of the blessings and advantages of *peace*. The temple stood in the midst, while around it were arranged sixty porticoes filled with all that Paris or its vicinity could produce, either of use or beauty. The galleries remained open only during the three complementary days of the year VI. of the Republic, 1798; but excited the greatest enthusiasm throughout the country. This was the first official exposition; and at the end of three years the second exhibition was celebrated. This was followed, in 1802, by the third exposition, at which the hydraulic-ram of Montgolfier; the stocking frame of Aubert; the silk-spinning machine of Vaucanson; and the chemical products of Messrs. Decroisilles, of Rouen, and Amfry and Darcet, of Paris, among a crowd of other scarcely less worthy objects, were rewarded with gold medals, of which this time no less than twenty-two were distributed. One of the immediate and most important results of the extended popularity of these institutions was the establishment, shortly after the close of this exposition, of the *Société d'Encouragement*, one which has aided, in an extraordinary degree, the inventive talent of France, and the application of abstract science to the wants and requirements of manufacture.

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ter of Agriculture and Commerce, previous to 1849, to admit the productions of neighbouring nations to the forthcoming Eleventh Exposition; but this idea, having been coldly received, was abandoned by him, and being adopted by Prince Albert, led to the bold project of an Exhibition, not confined merely to neighbouring nations, but open to the whole commercial world. At first the real magnitude and the great difficulties of the project were not fully perceived, and the proposal was scarcely made public by the Society of Arts, before impediments began to rise up in their way, and for more than a year difficulty after difficulty beset them. Though they took the greatest pains to enlist our manufacturers generally, by sending competent agents and lecturers amongst them to explain its objects and its advantages to this country, serious opposition to it existed until the middle of last year. Had the project been tried in France, it would have been carried through with far less difficulty, as it would have had the advantage of the power and purse of the government, which being utterly impossible with our habits of public action. It was absolutely necessary to make the proposition popular. When the time comes for giving a faithful history of its struggles, the Society of Arts will reap the enduring honour it deserves, and every one of its members who took an active part in pushing it on, will have ample reason to be proud of what he has done. And we do not say it in a spirit of sycophancy because he is a prince, but in honest admiration of his many conduct, to Prince Albert by far the greatest share of honour will be found due. To him, more than to any one else, we owe the adoption of the idea from the French minister. His generous and enlightened enlargement, and that courageous and persevering conduct, in all that related to the Exhibition which has overcome every obstacle.

EARLY HISTORY.

On the 30th June, 1849, there attended at Buckingham Palace H. R. H. Prince Albert, and by special command Messrs. T. Cubitt, H. Cole, F. Fuller, and J. Scott Russell of the Society of Arts, when his Royal Highness communicated his views regarding the formation of a great collection of works of Art and Industry in London in 1851, for the purposes of exhibition, competition, and encouragement. It was proposed that it consist of the following divisions:—raw materials, machinery, and mechanical inventions, manufactures, sculpture, and plastic art generally. It was a matter of discussion whether such divisions should be exhibited separately.



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neously, or separately. It was ultimately decided that they should be simultaneous ; it was further settled that by offering prizes, an inducement would be held out to the various manufacturers to produce works which, although they might not form a manufacture profitable in the general market, would, by the effort, permanently raise the powers of production, and improve the character of the manufacture itself. It was settled that the best mode of carrying out these plans would be by a Royal Commission, of which his Royal Highness would be at the head. It was determined also that a subscription for donations, on a large scale, should be immediately organized, and various efforts made for the collection of the necessary funds. On the 14th of July, the second meeting was held at Osborne, when his Royal Highness judged that the importance of the subject was fully appreciated, but the magnitude of the undertaking required time for maturing the plans essential to ensure its complete success. It was urged that one of the requisite conditions for the acquirement of public confidence was that the body to be appointed for the exercise of these functions should have a sufficiently elevated public position, should be sufficiently high above the interests, and remote from the liability of being influenced by the feelings of competition, to place beyond all possibility any accusation of partiality or undue influence ; and that no less elevated a tribunal than that appointed by the Crown, and presided over by Prince Albert, could have that standing and weight that could command the utmost exertions of all the most eminent manufacturers at home and abroad.

In order to ascertain how far the manufacturers were willing to support these plans, Mr. H. Cole and Mr. F. Fuller, members of the council of the Society of Arts, received instructions to travel through the manufacturing districts to collect the opinions of the leading manufacturers. Either jointly or singly these gentlemen visited all the larger towns, and on their return drew up in a report the results of their inquiries. On the 5th of October, 1849. The result in all places was the same ; there was one uniform feeling of gratitude to Prince Albert for the interest he showed in the commercial prosperity of this land, and a general belief in the benefits which would result from the undertaking, and a hope that it would prove the means of hastening the period when nations should "beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks."

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as to the probability of co-operation in this undertaking of the nations included in the Zollverein. He found the liberal wisdom, and advantages of the great plan everywhere appreciated, and every disposition manifested to afford co-operation. By the end of November more than 3000 influential names were sent in as supporters of the scheme, and by January the Executive Committee had obtained 6,000. Among the details of the subsequent history of preliminaries we find the publication, in the *Gazette* of January 5, 1850, of the names of the gentlemen then composing the Royal Commission, which were as follows:—

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Robert Stephenson, Esq., M.P., F.R.S., who had been gazetted as a member of the Executive Committee, and who had been appointed its Chairman, was subsequently added to the Royal Commission. John Shepherd, Esq., the new Chairman of the East India Company, succeeded his deceased predecessor Sir Archibald Galloway, K.C.B. The vacancy created by the lamented death of Sir Robert Peel, the last act of whose glorious public career was to attend a meeting of the Commission, had not been filled up. A glance at these names will show that it would have been difficult to select a list more perfect.

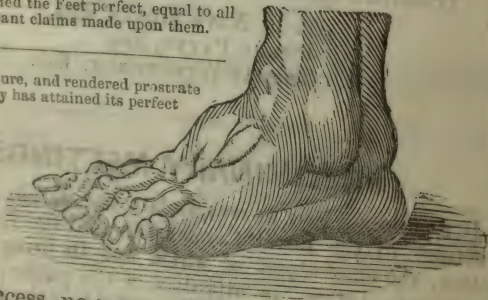
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It is needless here to recapitulate the details of the various meetings of the Royal Commission and the Executive Committee, the chief object of which was to bring the question prominently before the attention of the public; but the most influential was the City meeting, held in the Egyptian Hall, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, on the 17th of October, 1849, to receive a deputation of members of the Society of Arts, to explain the outlines of His Royal Highness's proposal for a Great Exhibition of Industry of All Nations, to be held in London in the year 1851. This meeting was attended by between three and four hundred of the most influential merchants, bankers, and traders,—in short, by the *élite* of the City magnates.

At this meeting a speech of extraordinary merit was delivered by Mr. Cole, better known as "Felix Summerly," through whose untiring exertions, more than to those of any other individual man, the idea of the Prince owes its successful issue. The organization of the great scheme proceeded in good earnest; capitalists were induced to enter into the project; the manufacturing interest was denuded of its prejudices; and at a

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PRIZES.

On the 23rd of March an invitation was given to the artists of all countries to compete for the designs of three bronze medals, to be the rewards of successful exhibitors ; three prizes of £100 each being offered for the three reverses which appeared most meritorious and suitable, and three prizes of £50 each for the three best designs which were not accepted. The successful competitors were,

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| No. 1. Mons. Hippolyte Bonnardel, of Paris, | } £100 each |
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| 3. Mr. G. G. Adams, . . . of London, | |
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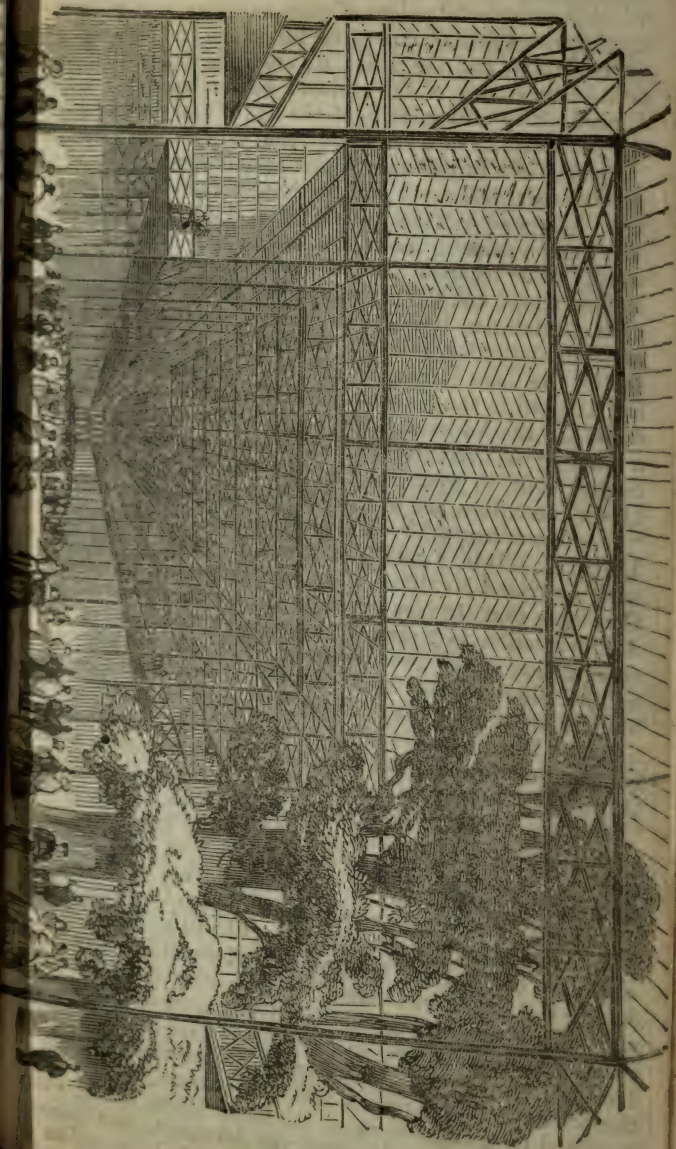
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for some time have been a matter of uncertainty. Great were the difficulties, they were, however, to be grappled with, and, at the third meeting of the Commissioners, the following gentlemen were appointed to act as a committee for all matters relating to the Building:—His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, K.G., F.R.S.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere, F.S.A.; Charles Barry, Esq., R.A., F.R.S.; William Cubitt, Esq., F.R.S., Pr. of I.C.E.; Robert Stephenson, Esq., M.P., F.R.S.; C. R. Cockerell, Esq., R.A.; J. K. Brunel, Esq., F.R.S.; Thomas L. Donaldson, Esq., M.I.B.A.

It is well known that the site ultimately determined on in that part of Hyde Park which lies between the Kensington road and the ride which is called Rotten-row; the centre of the building being opposite the Prince of Wales's Gate, a situation in all respects desirable, and one which has met with very general public approval. A document issued by the Building Committee, inviting architects of all Nations to make suggestions for the general arrangements of the building, called forth designs from two hundred and thirty-three competitors, 38 of which were contributed by foreigners, (France, 27; Belgium, 2; Holland, 3; Hanover, 1; Naples, 1; Switzerland, 2; Rhine Prussia, 1; Hamburgh, 1;) 128 by residents in London, and its environs; 51 by residents in provincial towns of England; 6 by residents in Scotland; 3 by residents in Ireland, and 7 were anonymous.

To three of the native and fifteen of the foreign plans commendation was given; but no one satisfying the committee, they perfected one for themselves, from the various suggestions afforded by the competing architects, adding "as their own exclusive contribution, a dome of gigantic proportions." This dome was so unpopular, and the contest about its site was so fierce, that the whole scheme of the Exhibition was in some danger. The building determined on by the committee was to have been 2000 feet long, rather more than 300 feet across, extending over an area of 20 acres. Passages, 48 feet wide, clear and uninterrupted, except for seats, were to connect the various entrances; and at the intersection of these lines, it was proposed to form a grand circular hall for sculpture, 200 feet in diameter. Considerable spaces, surrounding the old trees, were to be fitted up as refreshment rooms, surrounding ornamental gardens; the outer walls of the building were to have been of brick, and the light derived principally from skylights.

Here, however, we arrive at the most momentous period in this eventful history—a period pregnant with great and unexpected results, not merely to the Exhibition itself, but to science and civilization generally. One of the most momentous



cent results of the Exhibition is the new order of architecture which its wonderful palace of glass suggests, and which opens up a glorious field of enterprise for commerce, for science, for humanity, and for which we are indebted to the original and fertile genius of the eminent horticulturist, Mr. Joseph Paxton. The calumniators of the Exhibition were boasting the impossibility of a structure being raised at all; the building committee had adopted a plan as cumbrous as it was expensive and inefficient; and, at the last moment, when inevitable failure seemed suspended, like a cloud, above the project, Mr. Paxton came to the rescue, and with a design which was worthy to be regarded as the most splendid achievement of modern times, and the crowning glory literally and figuratively of the Exhibition itself. Mr. Paxton, seeing "the jeopardy of the undertaking, from the forcible arguments put forward against the plans proposed," and feeling that the principles had adopted in the construction of his immense iron and glass house for the Victoria Regia, could be successfully applied to a building of unlimited extent, set himself to work, at the twelfth hour, to produce a plan which met all the requirements of the committee, and avoided all the objections of the public. "It was not," says Mr. Paxton himself, at a meeting of the Derby Institute, "until one morning, when I was present with my friend Mr. Ellis, at an early sitting in the House of Commons, that the idea of sending in a design occurred to me. A conversation took place between us, with reference to the construction of the new House of Commons, in the course of which I observed, that I was afraid they would also commit a blunder in the building for the Industrial Exhibition; I told him that I had a notion in my head, and that if he would accompany me to the Board of Trade, I would ascertain whether it was too late to send in a design. I asked the Executive Committee whether they were so far committed to the plan as to be precluded from receiving another; the reply was, 'Certainly not; the specifications will be out in a fortnight, but there is no reason why a clause should not be introduced allowing of the reception of another design.' I said, 'Well, if you will introduce such a clause, I will go home; and, in nine days hence, I will bring you my plans all complete.' No doubt, the Executive thought me a conceited fellow, and that what I had said was nearer akin to romance than to common sense. Well, this was on Friday, the 11th of June. From London I went to the Menai Straits, to see the third tube of the Britannia Bridge placed, and, on my return to Derby, I had to attend to some business at the Board Room, during which time, however, my whole mind was devoted to this project, and, whilst the business proceeded, I sketched the outline

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There was little time for consideration, or for setting right a single mistake, were it ever so disastrous. On the prescribed day the tender was presented, with whatever imperfections it might have had, duly and irredeemably sealed. But, after the checkings have divulged no material error. The result was that Messrs. Fox and Henderson's offer for erecting the Paxton edifice proved to be the lowest practicable tender that was submitted to the Building Committee.

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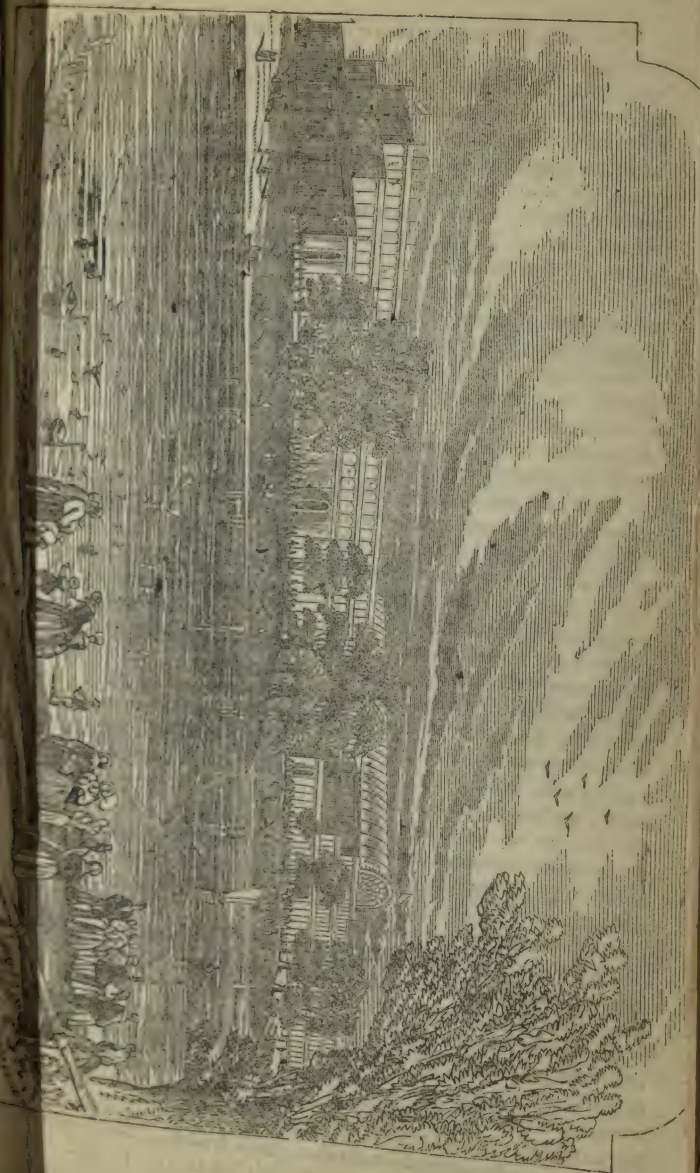
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the construction has been most remarkable. As many as 200 girders have been delivered on the ground in one week. Seven of the great trusses of the nave were raised in one day. A man fixed about 200 superficial feet of glass per day. In order to perform these marvels, it was necessary to devise and employ various contrivances for economising labour, such as the sash-bar machine, the gutter machine, the morticing machine, the painting machine, the glazing machine, besides many others of an equally ingenious nature. The average number of workmen employed was about 1800, amongst whom about £2500 was weekly paid in wages. Even in the payment of the workmen ingenious machinery was called into requisition, by which it was possible to make nearly 2,000 distinct payments within the space of two hours!

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The smallness of cost is due to the principle of each component of the building being endowed with more than one purpose. The six rows of columns are, as has been already said, not only props but drains. They are hollow, and into them the glass roof will deliver its collections of water. In the base of each column is inserted a horizontal iron pipe to conduct the drainage into sewers. These strong tubes serve also as foundation; they are links that connect the whole of the thirty thousand three hundred uprights together. At the top, each column is fastened to its opposite associate by a girder, run by means of a pole and pulley in a few minutes; and, once fastened, no other scaffolding is requisite for the roof and its supports. Thus, by means of the iron pipes below, and the iron girders above, the eighteen acres of structure is held from end to end so compact and fast that it becomes an enormous hollow cube, as immovable as if it were, instead, a solid cube dropped down beside Rotten Row by a gang of Titans.



The roofs—of which there are five, one to each aisle or ridor, the highest in the middle—play many parts. They have windows, light and heat adjusters, rain conductors outside, and condensed moisture ducts within. They are interminable rows of roofing, so placed as to form in the aggregate a pavement in other words, they are parallel rows of the letter V done in glass, in endless rides “long drawn out,” thus : VVV. The apex of each “ridge” is a wooden sash bar, with notches on either side for holding the sloping laths in which are fitted the edges of the glass. The bottom, or “furrow” bar—other than a rafter—is hollowed in the middle, to form a gutter, into which every drop of rain glides down from the glass, and passes through the transverse gutters into the hollow columns. These longitudinal gutters are formed at the tops of the girders for the roof is self-supporting. This is not all : in converting a conservatory for plants into a resort for breathing beings, a depot for articles emphatically “to be kept dry ;” internal as well as external moisture must be drawn off : the breath of myriads of visitors, condensed against the glass, would otherwise return in continual Scotch mists. That difficulty predicted the A-like form of the ceiling. Mr. Paxton ascertained that vapours ascending to glass inclined to a slope of one foot in two feet and a-half, do not condense in separate drops and descend again, but slide down over the smooth surface. To receive them, therefore, he grooves each rafter under the inside of the glazing. Into these grooves the condensed breath of “all nations” will fall and be conveyed into the transverse gutters, and through the columns into the jurisdiction of their honours, the Commissioners of Sewers. These ingenious rafters are cut of solid wood, in a machine (invented by the inventor of all the rest), with incredible rapidity. In order that there may be no fall for the water to run off, each rafter is slightly curved : and to correct warping, a rod of iron, with nuts and screws at each end, forms the string of the bow, so as to regulate the deflexion. For this ingenious expedient Mr. Paxton has taken out a patent.

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As no brick and mortar were used, and all the properties of the building depended upon its iron pillars and girders, nearly all the materials arrived on the spot ready to be placed and secured in their destined positions. Yet vast operations were necessary, even then, in its construction, and called for the most admirable display of scientific ingenuity, systematic arrangements, and great energy. Hardly any scaffolding was used, the columns as they were set up, answering their purpose. Machines for performing all the preparatory operations required to be done on the spot were introduced into the building, and some of them invented for the occasion.

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the contractors finding that the numbers who flocked to it impeded in some degree their operations, determined to make a charge of five shillings for admission, the proceeds of which were to constitute an accident-relief fund for the workmen. A very considerable sum was so raised, though the number of accidents has been very small. Some idea of the number who flocked to see the exterior may be found from the fact that on one Sunday as many as 100,000 persons entered the gates of Hyde Park.

Certainly, no part of the Exhibition merits more praise than the building itself; it is in all respects one of the most satisfactory results which has flowed from the project. Its magnitude, the celerity with which it has been constructed, and the materials of which it is composed, all combine to insure it a large share of that attention which the Exhibition is likely to attract, and to render its progress a matter of great public interest. A building containing 33,000,000 cubic feet, and exhibiting a surface of about 21 acres, roofed in, and handed over to the Commissioners within little more than three months from its commencement; constructed almost entirely of glass and iron, the most fragile and the strongest of building materials, combining the lightness of a conservatory with the stability of our most permanent structures—such a building will naturally excite much curiosity as to the mode in which the works connected with it were conducted, and the advances which were made towards its completion. Even the palaces that grow up in a night are confined to fairy-land, and in this material world of ours the labours of the bricklayer and the carpenter are notoriously never-ending. It took 300 years to build St. Peter's at Rome, and 35 to complete our own St. Paul's. The New Palace of Westminster has already been 50 years in hand, and still is unfinished. We run up houses as if it were true, quickly enough in this country; but if there be a touch of magic in the time occupied, there is none in the appearance of so much stucco and brick-work as our streets exhibit. Something very different from this was promised for the new edifice in Hyde Park. Not only was it to rise with extraordinary rapidity, but in every other respect is to be suggestive of "Arabian Nights" remembrances.

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work, the time lost in the commencement of the struggle. He considered that the grandeur of effect produced by great repetition of simple forms in the building might be further enhanced "by a system of colouring, which, by marking distinctly every line in the building, should increase height, the length, and the bulk." In this edifice there can be little variation of light and shade, and without the employment of bright colours, the immense number of similar lines of the building, falling one before the other, would lose all distinctness, and form one dull cloud overhanging the Exhibition, rendering it impossible to distinguish in the distance one column from another, and injuring the general effect produced by the objects collected in the Exhibition. He has therefore, employed for the internal painting blue, red, and yellow, in such relative proportions as to neutralize each other, and thus, no one colour being dominant to fatigue the sight, all the exhibited objects will assist, and be assisted, by the colours used on the building itself. Jones considered the best mode of using these colours was "to place blue, which retires, on the concave surfaces; yellow, which advances, on the convex; red, the colour of the middle distance, on the horizontal planes, and the neutral white on the vertical planes." He has therefore painted the undersides of the girders red, the round portions of the columns yellow, and the hollows of the capitals blue, in due proportions. All the stalls are covered with red cloth or pink calico, by which not only is the unsightly woodwork concealed, but a warm covering is thus given to the whole ground area of the building, which combined with the mass of blue overhead, and the yellow stripes on the columns, produce a most harmonious effect, all which is softened by covering the roof and south side with bleached calico, to prevent the glare of light which would necessarily take place in a building whose roof and sides are chiefly glass. Since the painting has been completed, and bright articles introduced into the structure, the result has clearly proved that Mr. Jones has proceeded on sound scientific principles, and he has certainly succeeded in producing the best possible effect. He has also displayed great knowledge in his profession, by a judicious distribution of various large articles, and groups of articles, with a view to their effect upon the general internal appearance of the Exhibition. The whole edifice is surrounded with ornamental railings, which harmonise admirably with the peculiar and light appearance of the vast structure.

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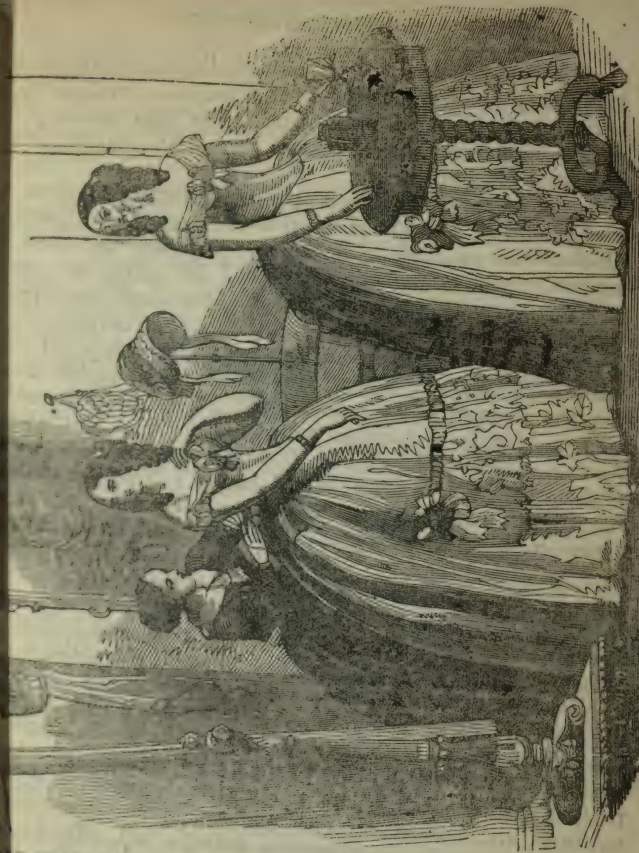
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Royal, that the building was not sufficiently secure, and he feared it would some day come tumbling about the ears of the people like a pack of cards. But the question has been set at rest in the most satisfactory manner by the application of tests far beyond any strain which could arise from the densest possible packing of visitors in the galleries. The first experiment was made in the presence of her Majesty and Prince Albert, the immediate object of which was to ascertain, by various tests of the several character, to what extent oscillations could be conveyed to the gallery by the regular motion of a living load, and to ascertain whether the provisions which had been made to meet such contingencies were sufficient.

The preparations made for the experiment consisted of the construction of a perfect bay of gallery, with its floors, binders, girders, and connecting pieces, in every respect complete, and similar to the actual gallery, supported upon four points, bedded on temporary foundations. Rows of planks, the full width of the gallery, led up to it, and down from it, so that a row of men as thick as the gallery might be able to march up and down in close column. Three hundred workmen were first assembled by the contractors, and allowed to cover the platform and the planks connected with it. They were then compressed into the smallest space upon which they could stand.

The load borne on the planks represented the share of pressure which would be produced by the crowding of adjacent bays of gallery. The amount of deflection produced by this load was appreciable. The men then walked regularly and irregularly, and ran over it. The elasticity of the floor, allowing play to the timbers and the wrought-iron work, was admirably developed in this test; and it became apparent that this quality of elasticity was of the greatest value in protecting the cast-iron girders from sudden shock.

Thus, in the severest test which could possibly be applied, when the men standing closely packed together continued jumping simultaneously for several minutes, although in the severe vibrations of the floor the binders played up and down, the extreme deflection of any of the girders did not exceed one-fourth of an inch. As the contractors' men were unable to keep time in their step, and it was considered desirable to ascertain the effect of perfectly regular oscillations, the whole of the corps of Royal Sappers and Miners on the ground, set in columns, were marched several times over and around the gallery, and were finally made to mark time in the most trying manner. With the result of this last test, the eminent scientific men present expressed themselves highly gratified, observing that



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at the climax of vibration, the motion did not exceed that common in ordinary London houses at evening parties. A minute examination of the platform, made immediately after the completion of the experiments, showed that no part of the construction in any way suffered injury.

But as it was of the greatest possible importance that not the shadow of a doubt should exist as to the strength of the galleries, another trial was instituted. Messrs. Maudsley and Field, eminent engineers, suggested a method for setting the question at rest, beyond all cavil and timidity. Accordingly, seven frames were made, each capable of holding thirty-six cannon-balls, 68 lbs. each. In this way a pressure of seven tons and a half was readily obtained, and as it was ascertained by Mr. B. that the greatest weight which could be obtained by packing men as closely as possible on any given space was 95 lbs. to the square foot, such a test representing 100 pounds to the square foot, was considered amply sufficient to establish the strength and security of the galleries. The pressure of an ordinary crowd, such as that in the pit of a theatre or at a meeting, does not exceed from 50 lbs. to 60 lbs. to the square foot; and must be remembered that as a great part of the gallery space will be occupied by light articles displayed on stalls, the number of spectators that can circulate there at one time must be limited. Moreover, the passages are made to run at the sides close to the pillars, where the strain is least likely to be dangerous. Bearing all these things in mind, the experiment made with 252 pounders must be considered conclusive. As in their work the frames they were rolled along by the united strength of a large party of Sappers, the pillars and girders betrayed no sign of weakness, and the flooring of the gallery did not vibrate nearly so much as that of a drawing-room during a ball. The Executive Committee and the principal members of their body watched the experiment with great interest, and were, as every body has been since, perfectly satisfied.

There is perhaps no portion of the building, the strength of which has been so much debated, and by many at first considered insufficient, as the slender columns which form the only supports of the roof and galleries. We are so much accustomed to see large massive piers used either for the real or apparent support of the upper portions of ordinary buildings, that the mind requires some very positive proof in order to be convinced that a column only eight inches in diameter, and hollow, can be safely depended upon to perform the important offices required of it in the Exhibition Building. Architects and persons engaged in designing and erecting buildings are well aware of the fact, that it is frequently necessary to encase the small supports of floors, or other portions of a building, so as to give an increased appearance

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strength, in order to satisfy the eye of the ordinary observer, who would otherwise be alarmed by a feeling of insecurity; it is therefore, at all surprising that, previous to the completion of the building, when the test of experience was wanting, there were many who felt much anxiety on the subject of its security, especially the strength of the columns; even some members of the technical professions expressed their misgivings, which, however, have happily proved groundless.

Let us examine this important element of the building rather more closely, and we shall find that it is the most simple in form as well as the most perfectly adapted to its different purposes, in any of the constructive parts of the building. Besides the obvious purpose of supports, the columns also serve as water-pipes, to carry down the rain water from the roof into the drains; while they are therefore, necessarily hollow for the latter purpose, this form appears to be also the best that could be given to them in order, with the least quantity of material (and therefore at the least cost), to make them efficient for the main purpose. Nature is ever the best teacher of structural economy, and in this instance, she furnishes striking examples of the superhuman skill manifest in all her works. In the principal bones of animals, stalks of plants, &c., the material is disposed in a cylindrical form, which is the strongest; for, if we compare a hollow cylinder with a solid one, containing in section the same quantity of material, we shall find that the former is only crushed with four times the weight necessary to crush the solid cylinder—that is to say, it is four times as strong; and it has been proved, by actual experiment, that two ordinary goosequills, each one inch long, will support the almost incredible weight of 2 cwt., and that even two straws of the same length will not give way under a load of 28lbs., a fact that was probably unknown to the originators of the saying, “weak as a straw.”

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ing one of 'nothing ever heard of before,' are seen from the points to the greatest advantage, and the sight of them will repay a visitor for any little additional trouble he may take in seeking these points of view.

The enthusiastic feeling excited by the World's Industrial Exhibition has given rise to the following poetical effusion, by Martin F. Tupper, which breathes so generous a spirit, and is so proud of the position which this exhibition gives the artisan that we cannot resist its insertion :—

Hurrah ! for honest Industry, hurrah for handy Skill !
 Hurrah ! for all the wondrous works achieved by Wit and Will !
 The triumph of the Artisan has come about at length,
 And Kings and Princes flock to praise his comeliness and strength.
 The time has come, the blessed time, for brethren to agree,
 And rich and poor of every clime at unity to be ;
 When Labour, honoured openly, and not alone by stealth,
 With horny hand and glowing heart may greet his brother Wealth.
 Aye, Wealth and Rank are Labour's kin, twin brethren all his own,
 For every high estate on earth, of labour it hath grown ;
 By duty and by prudence, and by study's midnight oil,
 The wealth of all the world is won by God-rewarded toil.
 Then hail ! thou goodly gathering, thou brotherhood indeed !
 Where all the sons of men can meet as honest labour's seed ;
 The tribes of turban'd Asia, and Afric's ebon skin,
 And Europe and America, with all their kith and kin !
 From East and West, and North and South, to England's happy coast—
 By tens of thousands, lo ! they come, the great industrial host—
 By tens of thousands welcomed for their handicraft and worth,
 Behold they greet their brethren of the workshop of the earth.
 Right gladly, brother workman, will each English Artisan
 Rejoice to make you welcome all, as honest man to man ;
 And teach, if aught he has to teach, and learn the much to learn,
 And show to man in every land how all the world may earn !
 Whatever earth, man's heritage, of every sort can yield,
 From mine and mountain, sea and air, from forest and from field ;
 Whatever reason, God's great gift, can add or take away,
 To bring the worth of all the world beneath the human sway ;
 Whatever Science hath found out, and Industry hath earned,
 And Taste hath delicately touched, and high-bred Art hath learned,
 Whatever God's good handicraft, the man He made, hath made,
 By man, God's earnest artisan, the best shall be displayed !
 O think it not an idle show, for praise, or pride, or pelf,
 No man on earth who gains a good can hide it for himself ;
 By any thought that anything can anyhow improve,
 We help along the cause of all, and give the world a move !
 It is a great and glorious end, to bless the sons of man,
 And meet for peace in doing good, in kindness, while we can ;
 It is a greater and more blest, the human heart to raise,
 Up to the God who giveth all, with gratitude and praise !

WESTON-SUPER-MARE,

SOMERSET.

THE climate of this place demands especial attention, inasmuch as to its salubrious influence must be greatly attributed the fact of an insignificant fishing hamlet having, in a very short space of time, sprung up into one of the most prominent places of healthful and fashionable resort in the West of England. In point of salubrity, however, it differs from most of them in some essential peculiarities. The air is *dry* and *bracing*, yet possessing a softness and balminess which is totally independent of humidity; and is consequently, whilst extremely grateful, exhilarating and stimulant, without any relaxing tendency whatever. Careful observation of the precise locality will account for many of the advantages possessed. The town is situated just within one point of what might be considered a triangle looking to the sea (to the westward) as the base. It nestles closely under Weston or Worlebury Hill, by which it is fully protected from the north and north-east; whilst at from two to five miles distant is a range of hills to the southward, comprising Bream Down, Uphill, and Hutton hills, and is in fact a termination of the Mendip range. From the base of the supposed triangle, these hills will be found to converge, and not meet exactly at a point, but to form at some distance to the eastward a kind of contraction or throat, leading into the North Marsh, through which aerial egress is easy but regress almost impossible. A remarkable immunity from fog, which is a matter of almost daily remark, is thus easily accounted for, as well as the surprise of many who having approached Weston through a dense mist, find it supplying a perfectly clear atmosphere. Fog when it occurs, follows the course of these convergent hills separately, leaving the town quite free; and the two tributaries of watery vapour coalesce only at

the point where the hills approach nearest each other,—whilst a return or land fog, from the eastward, instead of urging itself through the before-mentioned throat, takes a course more readily open to it by passing on the other side of the protective hills.

The *Soil* is for the most part dry, sandy, and gravelly; the upper part of the town, being that on the hill side, has a base of limestone rock; all forming an easy medium for the percolation and running off of all the rain that falls. And in no part whereupon buildings are erected, or contiguous to these, is the soil of that character which holds water only to deliver it up again in the form of vapour under the influence of the solar rays.

The surrounding district bears ample testimony of healthy cultivation, and though beautifully sheltered by well directed plantations, nothing like exuberant vegetation destined to decay is to be found. One serious drawback to the healthiness of this town has now for some years been removed by the completion (under the authority of an Act of Parliament for general improvement) of a full and efficient drainage. Another evil is likewise overcome by an improved mode of boring wells for the supply of pure water; whence, many houses condemned for presenting this element in a brackish form, have completely redeemed their character. It is calculated that one well alone, sunk at no very great expense, is capable of supplying the whole town, if necessary, with the purest water.

The most striking peculiarity of this climate is the great amount of therapeutic agency which it supplies; this, though vouchsafed to all periods of life, is remarkably afforded in childhood, as is daily witnessed from the rapidity with which the lack-lustre, pasty features, attenuated limbs, and listless gait, which too clearly indicate the delicate and cachectic predisposition, are exchanged for a robust frame, activity of body, and chubby cheeks, stamped with the rosy tint of health. In reference to this singular effect upon children, it has often been remarked that Weston seems to present in a more concentrated form, all those essentials to robust health

usually sought at the sea side. The great distance to which the ebbing tide recedes from the shore, leaving a large tract of what appears mud, has ever been an eye-sore to those who approach the town at the time of low water, and not unfrequently has raised a suspicion of consequent unhealthiness. It must be remembered however, that the surface referred to is not a bed of *mud* at all, but of stiff clay. There can be no stagnant water or unwholesome emanations, as the space in question is washed twice a day by the flowing tide, which receding, leaves it covered with a thin layer of salt water and fresh sea weed. The only emanations that can possibly accrue therefore, are of a healthful character, viz., saline particles taken up and circulated pure or in the form of spray throughout the atmosphere—this the sense of taste readily recognizes; whilst further proof, if wanting, is found in the actual deposits of salt upon vegetation, extending several miles inland after a strong westerly gale; beyond which it is but a fair presumption that the sea weed contributes its quota of Iodine the more fully to impregnate the air with wholesome combinations. Hence an imaginary disadvantage appears to be fraught with positive and great good. The theory here sketched might be questioned, and as a theory simply would be valueless, if it preceded instead of following the long acknowledged fact of increasing salubrity.

As a place of winter resort, it seems strange that Weston should within the last few years only have attracted attention, whilst its very situation seems so expressly to have adapted it for this. Sheltered, as has been observed, from the north and north-east, it enjoys what may be almost called a *special* southern aspect, furnished by that wide chasm or rift in the southern range of hills through which the river Axe flows at a distance of two miles, affording an uninterrupted view of the Quantock Hills. Its highest advantage, however, is to be found in its free opening to the westward, from which quarter prevail the breezes or gales, as the case might be, during the winter season. Yet, let it blow ever so hard, there is a calmness and refreshing property tempering the gale in a

manner which is experienced in very few localities. So bold and direct is the westward opening, that the breezes come without let or hindrance directly across the Atlantic, to use a common phrase, "genuine as imported." The fact of the salubrity and well-tempered influence of these breezes needs no assistance from theory, inasmuch as it is confirmed by another fact, viz., that sea winds from the west are softened by passing over a mass of water, the temperature of the surface of which, even in January, bears a proportion of from 48 to 52 degrees of Fahrenheit, to 45 or 50 degrees of land temperature.

Meteorological observations are much in favour of the winter climate of Weston-super-Mare, as proved by tables which it is here unnecessary to insert. Taking the average of the winter months for the few years last past, the mean temperature will be found to be only two degrees lower than that of the south of Devon, a trifle higher than that of Bath, and nine degrees above that of London. Whilst during the summer months, the temperature will be found considerably lower than that of the places mentioned. To enumerate the diseases in which this climate exercises a beneficial influence, would be to specify nearly "all the ills that flesh is heir to." To one state of disease only is the climate prejudicial, and that is consumption in the *more advanced stages*; the air being too stimulating and bracing in such cases; whilst in the earlier stages of the same disease, much benefit might be expected from the arrest of its progress. The rate of mortality in this district is unusually low, and bears no proportion to the number of births. Endemic disease is unknown, whilst the usual epidemics appear to be much mitigated by the climate, and run, when they occur, a very moderate course.

SCHOOL FOR YOUNG GENTLEMEN,

Wellington House, Weston Park.